This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A method of transmit power control during a group call to a plurality of devices comprising the steps of: at a receiving device in a time division multiplexing system wherein the receiving device is in the group call in talk around mode with a transmitting device:

receiving a signal on a forward channel;

estimating a signal quality for the signal received on the forward channel; and if the signal quality is below a threshold, transmitting a power control message on at least a portion of a common reverse channel to the transmitting device that is in the group call, wherein the power control message requests an increase in transmit power for subsequently received signals.

- 2. (original) The method of claim 1 and further comprising the step of continually transmitting the power control message until a signal quality of a subsequently received signal on the forward channel exceeds a second threshold.
- 3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the signal quality is based on at least one of the following measurements: a bit error rate, a message error rate, a frame error rate, a received signal strength indicator, a symbol error rate, a waveform eye opening, a frequency lock and a time lock.
- 4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the power control message is transmitted along with control symbols.
- 5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the power control message is transmitted along with synchronization symbols and control symbols.

- 6. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the power control message further provides synchronization.
- 7. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of, if the signal quality is above the threshold, not transmitting a power control message on at least a portion of the single reverse channel.
- 8. (previously presented) A method of transmit power control during a group call to a plurality of receiving devices comprising the steps of: at a transmitting device in a time division multiplexing system wherein the transmitting device is in the group call in talk around mode with the plurality of receiving devices:

transmitting at least one signal on a forward channel at a transmit power level; and adjusting the transmit power level based on observing a common reverse channel, wherein the common reverse channel is temporally same and shared by the plurality of receiving devices in the group call.

- 9. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the transmit power level is adjusted by a step size.
- 10. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the step of adjusting comprises increasing the transmit power level when a presence of a predetermined number of power control messages is observed on the single reverse channel within a window of time.
- 11. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the step of adjusting comprises decreasing the transmit power level when a non-presence of a predetermined number of power control messages is observed on the reverse channel within a window of time.

12. (original) The method of claim 8 and further comprising the steps of: detecting a transmit power oscillation;

setting an oscillation counter to a predetermined value based on the transmit power oscillation, wherein the predetermined value is a non-zero integer;

decrementing the oscillation counter value when a non-presence of a predetermined number of power control messages is observed on the reverse channel within a window of time; and

decreasing the transmit power level by a predetermined step size.

- 13. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein the predetermined step size is a minimum value.
- 14. (previously presented) A method of transmit power control during a group call to a plurality of receiving devices comprising the steps of: at a transmitting device in a time division multiplexing system wherein the transmitting device is in the group call in talk around mode with the plurality of receiving devices:

transmitting signals on a forward channel at a transmit power level;

switching between three power states based on one of: a presence of X power control messages on a common reverse channel within a first window of time, or a non-presence of Y power control messages on the common reverse channel within a second window of time, wherein the common reverse channel is temporally same and shared by the plurality of receiving devices; and

dynamically adjusting the transmit power level for subsequent signals based on a current power state,

wherein a first power state is to maintain a current transmit power level, a second power state is to decrease the current transmit power level, and the third power state is to increase the current transmit power level, and wherein X and Y are integer values.

15. (previously presented) A method of transmit power control during a group call to a plurality of receiving devices comprising the steps of:

at a transmitting device in a time division multiplexing system wherein the transmitting device is in the group call in talk around mode with the plurality of receiving devices:

setting a transmit power level to a predetermined power level;

transmitting at least one signal on a forward channel at the predetermined power level; and

if a first predetermined number of power control messages are detected on a common reverse channel within a first time frame, increasing the transmit power level for subsequent signals; if a second predetermined number of power control messages are not detected on the reverse channel within a second time frame, decreasing the transmit power level for subsequent signals; otherwise, maintaining the transmit power level.

- 16. (original) The method of claim 15 wherein the predetermined power level is a maximum power level.
- 17. (original) The method of claim 15 wherein the predetermined power level is a minimum power level.
- 18. (previously presented)The method of claim 1 wherein the power control message includes at least a power control preamble message which is a predetermined a priori known message.
- 19. (previously presented)The method of claim 8 wherein the step of adjusting further comprises transmitting a power control message comprising at least a power control preamble message that is predetermined and known a priori to the plurality of receiving devices.
- 20. (previously presented)The method of claim 14 wherein the power control messages comprise at least power control preamble messages that are predetermined and known a priori to the plurality of receiving devices.